Government have, on the recommendation of the Game Laws Committee, sanctioned the adoption of various measures calculated to popularise sport, while preventing indiscriminate and wanton destruction of game. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to expedite the submission of proposals for the revision of the Act in the light of the orders issued. A bird survey in the State is being conducted by the Bombay Natural History Society with financial and other assistance from the Government.

18. *Elephants.*—At the beginning of the year, there were 46 elephants maintained by the department. Khedda operations were conducted during the year with a view to capture some wild elephants which had been causing damage to the crops in the Hunsur and Heggaddevankote Taluks. These operations were so arranged as to synchronise with the visit of His Excellency the Viceroy to the State in January 1939 and the results were successful. Out of the elephants captured in the Kheddas, only 5 were retained for the department, 40 were sold realising a sum of Rs. 28,950, 4 were presented to the Zoological gardens at Mysore and 1 to Kanchi Kamkotimutt. The total expenditure on account of the Kheddas was Rs. 62,367-9-2 and the revenue realised Rs. 36,060-12-0.

19. *Touring and Inspection.*—The Chief Conservator of Forests toured for 138 days and 170 days, respectively, and inspected all the District Forest and other offices and all the important forests and plantations. The itineration of the District Forest Officers, except those of Bangalore and Chitaldrug, was satisfactory. From the several audit and other reports received, it is observed that sufficient attention is not being paid to the stock-taking of depots and kotis. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to issue instructions to the officers concerned to pay more attention to this important work and to follow strictly the Standing Orders on the subject.

20. *Forest Research Laboratory.*—The equipment of the laboratory is now almost complete and the nucleus of a library has been collected. The fitting up of the Museum is in progress. The collection of authentic specimens of Mysore Timbers and the study of their structure has been commenced. The microscopic study of healthy and diseased tissues of the sandal plant was continued. A beginning has also been made on the analysis of the soils from selected localities. A nursery, as an adjunct to the laboratory, to grow experimental plants for investigation and research purposes is being developed and extended. A workshop is attached to the laboratory and suitable standard designs are being evolved for the furniture required by the Education Department of the State, so as to reduce the cost and also to utilise certain classes of available timber which do not find a ready market at present.

21. The work of the department continued to be satisfactory under the control of *Rajasevasakta* Mr. M. Machaya, B.A. (Oxon.), who retired from service from 6th July 1939.

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LAW SECRETARIAT

Bus Company in Bangalore City.

ORDER NO. T. 2183-93—R. T. 53-39-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 31ST JANUARY 1940.

There are at present in Bangalore City a number of motor bus services owned by different persons, and this has resulted in overlapping of effort and unhealthy competition, rendering it difficult for the individual owners to provide comfortable vehicles such as the public has a right to expect, or to maintain them properly.

2. With a view to remedy these drawbacks, the Chairman of the Mysore Traffic Board had discussions with the bus owners of the City on the possibility of combining all the owners into one public limited liability company which would have a monopoly of services in Bangalore City for a certain period. Most of the owners

were prepared to join the proposed Company in view of its advantages. The Chairman submitted a scheme to Government for the formation of all bus services at present operating and carrying on the business of running motor omnibuses in Bangalore into a joint-stock company.

3. The scheme contemplates grant of monopoly to the Company resulting in a re-distribution of the number of buses in each area so as to avoid not only the present wasteful running but also to prevent adoption of circuitous routes. Such an arrangement is bound to increase the income of each bus. The objects of the Company are to improve the present services with a view to serve the interests of the public better and more usefully than at present; to have buses which are comfortable, tidy and good-looking; to run them according to specified timings; to have waiting sheds for passengers at important bus stands; and to own an up-to-date service station which is very necessary. The company also proposes to extend its activities to other areas if and when Government approve of such extension.

4. The principal proprietors of the City Bus Services also waited upon the Government in deputation and submitted their views on the formation of a Company. After a careful review of all the circumstances, Government have agreed to the formation of a Company for running buses in the City. In order to ensure the successful operation of the undertaking, Government are pleased to lay down the following conditions:—

(*i*) Out of an authorised capital of Rs. 5,00,000, Government will take Cumulative Preference Shares to the value of Rs. 50,000 of the nominal value of Re. 1 each and 2,500 ordinary shares of the nominal value of Rs. 25,000. The Preference Shares will carry interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

(*ii*) Grant of monopoly to the Company for running buses in Bangalore City for ten years, or so long as the Government are satisfied that its continuance is in the interest of the public.

(*iii*) Two out of the seven Directors of the Company will be nominated by Government. One of the Directors so nominated will be the Chairman and another, the Managing Director, should there be a separate Managing Director.

(*iv*) The appointments of Manager or Secretary of the Company will be made by the Board subject to the approval of Government.

(*v*) Government will reserve the right to cause the accounts of the Company to be audited and inspected by their officers at their own cost.

5. The proprietors of the present Bus Services in the City forwarded the following suggestions to Government:—

(*i*) Valuation of buses of existing services by five independent valuers,

(*ii*) payment of 20 per cent over the valuation of existing buses as compensation for loss of business,

(*iii*) appointment of one of the present bus owners as the Managing Director, and

(*iv*) grant of monopoly for ten years.

Items 3 and 4 have been dealt with above. Items 1 and 2 will be left to the provisional Board for consideration.

6. The provisional Board of Directors of the proposed Company will be constituted as under:—

(1) Mr. B. K. Garudachar.
(2) The District Traffic Superintendent, Mysore State Railway, Bangalore.
(3) Mr. C. M. Garudachar.
(4) ,, S. L. Narayana Rao.
(5) ,, B. Abdur Rahmon.
(6) ,, Shampoor Papanna.
(7) ,, V. S. Thiruvengadaswamy Mudaliar.

Mr. B. K. Garudachar will be the Chairman of the Provisional Board.

7. To meet the preliminary expenses, a sum up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 will be advanced by Government in the first instance and adjusted towards their subscription to the share capital after the company comes into existence. The Comptroller is requested to place the amount required at the disposal of the Chairman, as and when necessary.

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